

Commissioners:

I have been an amateur radio operator for forty years, holding an extra class license for nearly thirty. For reasons gone over elsewhere, which I again submit here as an attachment, I believe James Roux's, W4YA, proposition that the FCC eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code exam for General, but require Extra applicants to pass a 15 WPM test, a bad idea. I am in favor of a higher code speed requirement for extra class, along the lines of the FISTS petition (RM-10811) but 15 WPM as opposed to their 12 WPM, but I am dead set against eliminating the 5 WPM requirement for General and Novice classes. The enclosed submission goes over the reasons I feel so, applicable to our country as well as to the author's.

Roux would give Generals all currently available amateur privileges except the Extra-class CW subbands, cut the number of license classes to two--General and Amateur Extra--, and the number of written examination elements to one--at the General level. It just seems to me that this is gutting amateur radio testing

Please rule against RM-10810, except for the 15 WPM requirement for Extra Class.

Respectfully Submitted,
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